

UNCLASSIFIED

PRINCIPALS CHANNEL

9412067

United States Department of State

WC



DECAPTIONED

Under Secretary of State
for Global Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20520-7250

G7

DIST:
5/23
S
DONILON
D
P
E
T
M
G
SP
S/S*ms/13*
CONFIDENTIAL
PRINCIPALS' CHANNEL

May 20, 1994

RELEASED IN FULL

TO: The Secretary
FROM: C - Timothy E. Wirt *TEW*
SUBJECT: May 16 - 20, 1994

A part of my week has been spent on ensuring that we are paying due attention to preparations for the Social Summit and World Conference on Women scheduled respectively for next spring in Copenhagen and next fall in Beijing. Key constituencies have made clear to me that they are not convinced we are giving the conferences enough attention and a sufficiently high priority. (The White House and Madeleine Albright have picked up these concerns as well.) I am working with Doug Bennet, Phyllis Oakley and others to make sure that our high standard for Cairo preparations applies equally to Copenhagen and Beijing.

As was evident from events this week--the President's meeting with Prime Minister Brundtland, the full page ad by animal rights activists in the NYT--next week's meeting of the International Whaling Commission will generate a noisy public debate. We oppose commercial whaling in principle but will support a revised management plan that permits scientifically based whaling in coastal waters for domestic consumption. A number of constituency groups recognize the unassailable logic of our approach; others see all whaling as an issue of morality. While the outcome we seek is strongly supported by the whaling nations, they are less well disposed toward the Antarctic whale sanctuary concept which we also favor.

Population, Refugees and Migration

There are now an estimated 400,000 Rwandan refugees and displaced persons. In addition to the \$15 million we have contributed to UNHCR, WFP and ICRC, we will provide \$639,000 to the International Rescue Committee to support its health, water and sanitation programs in Tanzania. DOD continues to airlift relief supplies into Tanzania.

CONFIDENTIAL

01 D 170

4146

12574

*Mem to Secy Jan-May 1994*UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E LANDFAIR
DATE/CASE ID: 01 JUL 2004 200301102

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

- 2 -

We hope for a decision soon on a suitable processing center for Haitian migrants interdicted at sea. I am concerned that a sea based facility will be quickly overwhelmed and we will then face the Hobson's choice of returning to direct repatriation or admitting the overflow to the U.S. DOD notes it will take 4 - 6 weeks to complete a land based facility. The number of migrants interdicted at sea last week was the highest in two years.

Oceans, Environment and Science

The Indian government's rejection of one of our intellectual property rights rules, the so-called "equity clause," prevented signature of a new science and technology accord during Prime Minister Rao's visit this week. The problem is more political than substantive. Rao is under fire at home for supporting the Uruguay Round outcome and for "selling out" on nuclear non-proliferation during Strobe's visit to New Delhi. Rao feels he cannot make what will be seen as concessions now; an agreement later this year is possible.

Human Rights, Democracy and Labor

The U.N. Human Rights Commission will convene on May 24 for a two-day special session on Rwanda. Our objectives, shared by the WEOG and the U.N. Commissioner for Human Rights, include condemnation of the current violence, establishing a Special rapporteur, deployment of human rights monitors, and reinforcing the principle that individuals are accountable for their actions. We and AF are exploring funding options to expedite the dispatch of monitors once a ceasefire takes hold.

Malawi held its first democratic elections on Tuesday. This is a solid success story for us. We have worked closely with other donors, including the U.K. and E.U., to condition new aid on human rights and democratization, and funded voter education through NDI and IFES.

Embassy Cairo expressed our concern over the recent death in official custody of an Egyptian lawyer, Abdel Hareth Madani. The government accepts our position that although Madani had connections with fundamentalist groups, his death in custody is a legitimate human rights issue. John Shattuck has raised twelve cases of such deaths with the GOE and will follow up with the head of Egyptian security shortly. In Cairo last March, I pressed for ICRC access to Egyptian prisons.

Narcotics and Crime

With S/NIS, we are developing an umbrella agreement on

CONFIDENTIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

cooperation with Russia to fight corruption and organized crime. We hope to have the proposal sufficiently advanced to permit the Vice President to discuss it in some detail with Chernomyrdin when the two meet in late June. Bob Gelbard and FBI Director Freeh will follow-up in Moscow in July.

Terrorism

HFAC this week approved an Export Administration Act extension containing tighter controls on dual-use exports to terrorism list countries. NEA is concerned the bill would impose further restrictions on exports to Syria at a delicate time in the peace process. There was no public discussion of these provisions; we will work with H, NEA and PM to get them modified in conference.

FBI officials told us this week that the volume of dollar transfers from NORAD to the IRA is down of late. Still some hundreds of thousands of dollars flow--often via couriers carrying large amounts of cash--from the U.S. to Irish groups abroad. Some of these funds may directly or indirectly support IRA terrorism.

Next Week's Agenda

- o Next week I will meet with Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Hayashi to continue our "common agenda" discussions on global issues. As you know, this has proven to be a productive exercise so far. I look forward to further progress that the President and Prime Minister can announce at July's G-7 meeting in Rome. To underscore the importance we attach to these discussions, I hope you will be able to drop by the opening session on Tuesday and make brief remarks. Your staff is helping with arrangements.
- o The Russian government has agreed to bilateral counter terrorism consultations in Washington, June 1 - 2. The Russians are also willing to discuss joint crisis management arrangements in the event of a terrorist incident involving nuclear weapons or materials.
- o Following up your testimony on counter terrorism issues before Tom Lantos' subcommittee in March, we plan to discuss responses to nuclear terrorism with the subcommittee on May 25.

CONFIDENTIAL